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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

FROM:

Special Support Assistant to the DDA

SUBJECT: Comptroller General Decisions

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1. Jim McDonald contacted Mr. Langfeld in the GSA to determine if there was any flexibility or appeal possibilities regarding time-limit in the FTR's for domestic relocation.

2. Larry Tucker, a regulations drafter in the Regulations and Policy Division within the Office of Policy and Agency Liaison for GSA, called today. (His number is 557-1253.) The answer to our question regarding exceeding the three-year limit for domestic moving reimbursements, was "no". Mr. Tucker cites two Comptroller General decisions in direct support of his decision:

- A. (B-165115) dated 11 September 1968 and
- B. (B-186003) dated 4 October 1976.

3. In essence, the conveyance of a deed or title to the purchaser is what makes the sale final. It is not having a contract in hand that determines the sale date.

4. Comptroller General decisions "have the force and effect of law." The Comptroller General rules only when there is a matter of ambiguity and/or when an issue is not specifically addressed within the regulations.

5. The present head of the General Accounting is Milton J. Socolar, with the title of Comptroller General.

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6. A number to call to determine if there are Comptroller General rulings on topics of administrative interest is 275-5028.

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